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nicer disposition than Pedro, in an emergency I think I should rather trust myself to the brutal sagacity of the latter.

Judging from these two and from a third one, Agustin, that I knew, the sand people were not a pleasant lot to deal with. They were rapacious and probably merciless to strangers, whether Indians or Mexicans. Agustin was a distant, disagreeable kind of a man, whose confidence it would take years to win. According to Mexican accounts, the areneños formerly made the roads dangerous to pass, and nobody could follow them into the sand dunes to their principal retreat at Pinacate.

These Papagoes were called Hiatit Óotam, "sand people." According to my companion, the medicine-man Pancho, who spent his early life in the dunes, they were not many in number and used to travel all together. He asserted that a peculiar disease accompanied by the vomiting of "yellow and green and then blood" killed most of those natives, and thought that it was brought from Yuma. The course of the disease took from four to ten days. It probably is the same affliction that is mentioned on the Papago calendar stick (page 74) as having occurred in 1851. The remaining four families decided to retire to other parts and for the last forty or fifty years the sand dune country has been uninhabited. These natives probably never exceeded in number one hundred and fifty all told, and their head-quarters were at *Hótunikat* (sunset), south of Pinacate. The great annual feast, now given at Quitovac, was removed from the Pinacate region before my informant's time—thus at least over